

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MARCH, 1963

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State: at 31.12.1962

Metropolitan: at 30.6.1962

Males - 389,304 Females - 376,411 Persons - 765,715

Persons - 431,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	FEBRUARY				Two Months ended FEBRUARY			
	1963		1962		1963		1962	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	528	8.97	448	7.81	1,139	9.20	1,044	8.64
Births	1,342	22.81	1,333	23.23	2,977	24.04	2,849	23.58
Deaths	417	7.09	504	8.78	954	7.70	1,063	8.80
Infant Mortality (b)	19	14.16	33	24.76	62	20.83	73	25.62

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962
Oversea	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	4,750	4,873	37,352	32,101	10,963	10,203	82,837	101,093
Interstate	8,851	6,065	90,537	72,757	2,521	1,820	28,352	27,555
Total:	13,601	10,938	127,889	104,858	13,484	12,023	111,189	128,648

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
	1963	1962	1963	1962
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	46,275	10,311	144,935	119,130
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	1,171,789	5,314,093	3,690,385	6,729,795

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE : CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

Item	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1963	1962	1963	1962
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	5,853,320	6,221,980	53,030,687	55,709,389
Revenue per Head of Population	7.6	8.3	69.6	74.9
Expenditure	5,894,732	6,542,638	57,570,779	56,283,222
Expenditure per Head of Population	7.7	8.7	75.6	75.7

SAVINGS BANKS

Amounts due to Depositors	At the end of MARCH		
	1963	1962	1961
	£	£	£
Total	99,635,498	86,863,748	79,432,117
Per Head of Population	129.4	115.8	108.4

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings (£ million)											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	25.5	22.7	23.4	23.5	24.0	21.6	23.1	21.6	23.2	24.6	23.8	26.9
1962	25.9	26.5	26.4	24.8	25.9	24.1	26.3	24.6	24.8	27.2	26.3	27.1
1963	30.4	25.8	27.7									

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
			1963	1962	1963	1962
Transfers	No.		2,095	2,155	18,280	15,985
	£		5,603,989	5,198,306	43,794,537	31,289,099
Mortgages	No.		1,639	1,724	14,005	12,504
	£		4,265,975	4,520,318	35,135,444	27,921,990
Discharges of Mortgages	No.		1,253	1,379	10,530	9,844

SALE OF GOODS AND SALES TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1963	1962	1963	1962
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sales Exempt from Tax	16,003	13,401	127,226	108,492
Net Taxable Sales	5,497	4,856	52,538	45,860
Tax Collected	751	624	7,109	6,663

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1963	1962	1963	1962
Local	No.	30	37	348	274
Nominal Capital	£.	1,015,500	1,879,700	29,126,500	21,217,700
Foreign	No.	14	23	135	149

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Nine Months ended MARCH					
	1963			1962		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	128	207,251	34,579	105	215,363	78,946
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	55	836,053	908,489	73	462,526	334,249

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

OPERATIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1963	1962	1963	1962
Gross Earnings £	1,471,700	1,440,300	10,495,300	11,427,500
Operating Expenses £	1,241,379	1,200,997	10,225,272	10,422,120
Train Miles Run	626,047	635,310	4,933,640	5,275,727
Motor Bus Miles	(a) 123,953	(b) 115,323	(c) 1,082,435	(d) 1,001,934
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	1,084,187	1,143,041	7,819,586	8,048,302
Motor Bus	18,921	19,951	178,283	171,531
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	465,295	457,065	2,828,824	3,325,106
Free (Departmental)	36,143	45,202	395,822	394,558
Livestock	8,665	8,432	92,466	91,811
Total	510,103	510,699	3,317,112	3,811,475
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	71,504,116	71,871,481	450,930,878	509,933,957
Free (Departmental)	4,183,926	4,335,196	40,585,862	42,221,435
Livestock	1,053,605	987,130	12,705,412	12,882,905
Total	76,741,647	77,193,807	504,222,152	565,038,297

(a) 4 weeks ended 23rd February

(c) Period 1st July to 23rd February

(b) 4 weeks ended 24th February

(d) Period 1st July to 24th February

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1963	1962	1963	1962
Quantity Fine oz.	67,298	67,359	133,848	137,046
Value (Aust. Currency) £.	1,051,523	1,052,491	2,091,381	2,141,343
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1961	6,947	1,871	2,221	30	591	10,670	3,228	5,104	70	903
1962	11,161	3,220	2,786	47	651	16,670	5,151	6,036	106	898
1962 -										
February	759	172	246	4	63	1,105	302	486	17	92
March	848	237	271	3	68	1,208	389	577	8	94
April	737	182	205	4	40	1,122	300	456	8	64
May	980	295	281	6	68	1,354	418	552	13	87
June	1,173	274	282	3	41	1,669	447	538	8	71
July	778	250	238	6	42	1,206	386	529	8	62
August	1,131	329	214	5	37	1,709	475	457	7	54
September	976	328	214	2	46	1,473	520	462	11	59
October	1,140	386	232	4	71	1,696	576	572	6	94
November	1,051	348	248	4	40	1,619	580	561	6	56
December	953	253	197	6	60	1,530	468	456	10	71
1963 -										
January	893	271	161	3	65	1,348	422	361	11	92
February	1,017	309	246	5	45	1,458	476	548	17	69

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244
1962 -								
June	97,977	27,490	585	8,285	151,013	73,454	1,294	12,052
December	105,559	28,174	605	8,093	160,460	74,492	1,303	11,632
1963 -								
January	107,359	28,392	604	8,064	159,265	72,640	1,190	11,281
February	108,123	28,394	608	8,025	161,268	73,485	1,322	11,373

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	New Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Grand Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067
1961-62	5,016	1,867	6,883	21,711	6,010	8,690	14,700	25,365	14,468	39,883
1962:										
March	468	254	722	2,177	472	615	1,087	2,199	1,346	3,545
April	388	106	494	1,595	630	267	897	2,154	598	2,752
May	499	104	603	1,935	487	760	1,247	2,427	1,158	3,585
June	405	81	486	1,638	577	962	1,539	2,201	1,250	3,451
July	500	116	616	1,985	1,035	1,021	2,056	2,952	1,407	4,359
August	444	148	592	2,060	794	515	1,309	2,838	941	3,779
September	458	125	583	1,904	475	462	937	2,347	825	3,172
October	540	225	765	2,367	691	575	1,266	2,895	1,122	4,017
November	375	114	489	1,615	584	286	870	2,155	627	2,782
December	376	52	428	1,423	647	558	1,205	2,160	726	2,886
1963:										
January	374	115	489	1,587	462	253	715	2,027	569	2,596
February	528	74	602	1,859	956	121	1,057	2,915	342	3,257
March	577	105	682	2,027	846	1,084	1,930	2,864	1,398	4,262

BUILDING OPERATIONS

The figures in the following two tables cover the operations of all builders who accept contracts for the construction of new buildings, "day-labour" building by Government Agencies and the activities of "Owner-Builders".

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings(a)				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.							
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961	1,075	2,963	5,258	17,272	126	1,744	858	10,965	7,317	32,944
1962	989	2,902	6,035	21,615	167	1,673	970	15,799	8,161	41,989
1962 -										
March Qr.	278	778	1,117	3,717	29	217	230	2,977	1,654	7,689
June Qr.	247	743	1,451	5,201	34	316	220	3,754	1,952	10,014
Sept. Qr.	202	666	1,725	5,844	53	597	261	5,632	2,241	12,739
Dec. Qr.	262	715	1,742	6,853	51	543	259	3,436	2,314	11,547

(a) Includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Material of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Cement etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961	4,287	14,834	15	32	1,459	3,820	103	82	5,864	18,768
1962	5,070	17,836	91	395	1,320	3,676	15	26	6,496	21,933
1962 -										
March Qr.	984	3,367	9	20	324	850	3	4	1,320	4,241
June Qr.	1,244	4,291	59	314	324	947	4	8	1,631	5,560
Sept. Qr.	1,446	5,141	8	21	322	904	3	9	1,779	6,075
Dec. Qr.	1,396	5,037	15	40	350	975	5	5	1,766	6,057

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series : Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June						
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
1962	123.5	111.7	146.4	107.3	125.3	121.6
Quarters:						
1962 - March	123.4	111.8	147.1	107.1	124.9	121.5
June	124.2	111.5	147.8	107.2	124.9	121.8
September	124.7	111.7	148.8	107.2	124.8	122.1
December	122.8	111.8	150.9	106.9	124.9	121.7
1963 - March	123.7	112.0	151.2	106.9	126.0	122.3

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1961:</u>				<u>1962 (Cont.):</u>			
March	143.1	50.7	193.8	March	146.3	52.1	198.4
April	143.3	50.8	194.1	April	145.6	52.0	197.6
May	142.8	50.6	193.4	May	146.4	52.1	198.5
June	142.2	49.9	192.1	June	146.5	51.9	198.4
July	142.0	49.9	191.9	July	146.5	52.1	198.6
August	142.9	49.9	192.8	August	146.5	52.1	198.6
September	143.6	50.1	193.7	September	147.3	52.6	199.9
October	143.0	50.4	193.4	October	147.2	52.6	199.8
November	143.9	51.0	194.9	November	147.9	53.5	201.4
December	143.5	50.7	194.2	December	148.9	52.9	201.8
<u>1962:</u>				<u>1963:</u>			
January	144.3	50.5	194.8	January	149.1	52.4	201.5
February	145.0	51.0	196.0	February	149.2	52.4	201.6

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
January	232	231	229	234	242	244	253
February	235	233	231	237	241	246	253
March	236	234	233	238	241	247	
April	234	233	233	237	241	245	
May	234	230	232	238	239	247	
June	231	228	229	237	236	246	
July	229	229	231	239	234	247	
August	229	229	232	240	237	247	
September	232	230	233	243	240	249	
October	232	232	234	242	241	250	
November	233	231	235	244	242	251	
December	232	231	235	243	242	253	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS

Period	Registered for Employment (a)			Persons receiving Benefits (b)				Amount Paid in Benefits			
	Males	Females	Persons	Unemployment	Sickness	Special		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	
						Ordinary	Migrants			Ordinary	Migrants
								£	£	£	£
1957-58	4,349	1,073	5,422	2,330	508	101	-	482,735	130,959	18,322	-
1958-59	5,122	1,239	6,361	2,852	594	125	-	654,160	159,230	23,110	-
1959-60	4,021	1,217	5,238	2,512	700	135	-	564,492	163,528	23,897	-
1960-61	3,753	1,241	4,991	2,154	665	148	-	479,159	153,348	22,196	-
1961-62	4,168	1,610	5,778	2,932	685	151	-	726,082	190,706	26,705	-
1962 March	3,479	2,067	5,546	2,544	684	161	-	61,634	18,827	2,765	-
April	3,283	1,887	5,170	2,646	861	153	-	54,165	18,966	2,601	-
May	3,249	1,761	5,010	2,428	732	135	-	59,038	18,033	2,529	-
June	3,570	1,750	5,320	2,667	714	127	-	55,309	19,437	2,336	-
July	3,835	1,747	5,582	2,789	740	130	-	66,587	20,514	2,543	-
August	3,327	1,654	4,981	2,511	766	136	-	68,149	21,787	2,671	-
September	3,124	1,487	4,611	2,094	802	129	-	52,315	17,861	2,144	-
October	2,978	1,484	4,462	2,051	814	133	69	50,778	23,298	2,615	506
November	3,649	2,108	5,757	2,059	789	137	131	49,268	19,299	2,318	1,403
December	4,431	2,303	6,734	2,945	767	125	30	55,849	20,379	2,330	926
1963 January	5,444	2,746	8,190	3,315	741	130	22	69,574	20,093	2,178	1,089
February	4,539	2,583	7,122	3,094	813	131	-	68,096	21,124	2,019	98
March	3,740	2,464	6,204	2,806	795	125	-	62,200	20,475	2,016	6

(a) Source: Department of Labour and National Service. Annual figures are the average of numbers registered at the end of each month.

(b) On the last Saturday of each month. Annual figures are the average of persons at end of each week.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
22/4/63	15.	0.	3	11.	5.	2	14.	18.	8

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
February, 1963	20,445	1,724	126,550	50,581	17,530
1962	13,778	1,574	116,021	56,536	17,424
8 Months ended February, 1963	176,394	16,497	1,113,409	645,246	172,336
1962	136,877	11,709	975,516	811,019	176,657

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (a) (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork
February, 1963	3,815	77	2,274	701	880
1962	2,762	67	2,199	809	848
8 Months ended February, 1963	34,620	753	20,453	8,835	8,451
1962	29,166	541	18,949	11,731	8,971

(a) Dressed carcass weight of livestock slaughtered for local consumption and export - includes meat used in smallgoods, canned meat, and bacon and ham.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
1962	4,482	6,556	2,586	3,685	7,068	10,241	83	177	3,425	5,077
1962 -										
2 Months ended February	678	977	407	596	1,085	1,573	12	38	515	795
1963 -										
2 Months ended February	655	967	399	556	1,054	1,523	16	32	511	740
1962										
February	340	472	220	304	560	776	6	12	276	399
March	347	503	223	324	570	827	9	17	285	424
April	364	515	169	268	533	783	8	20	225	396
May	392	585	216	303	608	888	9	17	275	403
June	352	510	216	297	568	807	9	16	272	397
July	430	621	230	317	660	938	6	9	330	454
August	349	545	185	261	534	806	5	10	246	354
September	394	569	208	298	602	867	5	7	265	396
October	392	580	220	315	612	895	5	11	292	424
November	408	573	239	338	647	911	8	15	305	449
December	375	578	272	368	647	946	7	17	414	585
1963										
January	309	484	205	291	514	775	7	12	265	394
February	346	483	194	265	540	748	9	20	246	346

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1962										1963		
		Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20. 1	19. 2	15. 0	10. 4	10. 5	8. 1	9. 3	9. 4	12. 0	14. 3	15. 1	13. 1	17. 1
Oranges -- Navel	bush.	-	47. 1	36. 0	22. 2	27.11	31.11	35. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	30.11	43. 5	30. 9	-	-	-	23.10	22. 7	21. 7	21. 8	24. 9	24. 9	32. 7
Bananas -- Local	lb.	10	11	11	1. 2	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 0	1. 1	1. 3	10	11
Apples -- G.Smith	bush.	20. 6	25.10	26. 0	28. 5	32. 5	30.11	49. 9	51. 6	49. 6	49. 1	-	-	-
- Other	bush.	25. 2	33. 7	34. 0	37. 8	48. 2	54.10	62. 3	64. 0	67. 8	57. 5	31. 1	22. 0	22.10
Pears	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	19. 4	19. 0	20. 2	25. 6	22. 4	-	-	-	-	-	23.10	18. 2	15. 9
Apricots	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40. 0	30. 8	36. 3	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28. 1	26. 2	-
Plums	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	34.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.10	27. 8	18. 0	28. 0
Peaches	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	20.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 5	29.10	20.10	30. 6
Grapes	Open flat cases	22. 5	22. 2	27. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	33. 0	25. 4	17. 0	23. 8
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate	10. 4	6. 6	4.11	5.11	14. 2	10. 2	12. 0	8. 3	4. 7	4. 5	10. 8	8. 0	9. 0
Cauliflowers	dozen	26. 8	9. 0	16. 0	24. 1	24. 1	9. 2	10. 5	22.11	18. 1	17. 2	-	17.10	17. 2
Lettuce	crate	11. 7	7. 1	7.10	9. 9	20. 5	12.10	5. 9	5.11	6. 2	11. 1	11. 7	11. 7	14. 1
Table Celery	doz.head	12. 0	8. 0	4. 6	4. 7	7. 2	9. 0	8. 5	7. 7	10. 9	7. 7	9. 9	10.11	10. 0
Beetroot	cwt.	36. 3	28. 5	23. 5	23. 3	33. 6	31. 9	39.10	39. 6	22. 6	16. 9	20.11	25. 3	55. 3
Carrots	cwt.	34. 0	40. 9	30. 1	23. 6	19.10	20. 7	26. 0	35. 4	34. 8	31. 1	57. 1	54.11	69. 8
Parsnips	cwt.	69. 5	67. 6	66. 1	63. 8	47. 8	40. 9	35. 0	38.11	28. 4	33. 9	44. 2	49. 0	68. 4
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	7. 3	5. 3	6. 3	8. 7	17. 3	7. 6	4.10	5. 2	5. 2	5.10	6.11	13. 9	13. 0
Swedes	cwt.	46. 4	31. 9	34. 7	42. 0	35. 9	28. 6	24. 0	32. 6	24.10	23. 4	39. 3	52.11	64. 3
Runner Beans	lb.	8	9	1. 0	1. 2	1. 2	1. 5	1. 3	1. 1	10	8	8	10	8
Peas	lb.	1. 9	1. 1	1. 4	1. 8	1. 7	1. 1	10	10	10	10	1.11	1. 8	1. 4
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	5	4	4	5	5	6	5	4	4	5	5	4
Pumpkin	bag	23.11	23.11	20. 4	20. 2	21.10	19. 2	21.11	21. 3	25. 2	38. 9	48. 4	26. 8	17. 2
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	21. 9	11. 8	10. 1	25.11	33. 1	27. 8	21. 3	24. 2	27. 8	23. 8	21.10	21. 3	25. 0
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	50. 0.0	40. 0.0	(b)	(b)	30. 0.0	25. 0.0	35. 0.0	35. 0.0
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants, delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants, F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1962										1963		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	-	-	-	4.16. 5	5. 1. 8	3.17. 1	3. 2. 9	3. 1.10	3. 5. 3	3. 2. 1	-	-	-
Lambs													
In Wool	-	4.15. 3	4.16. 0	5.12. 8	5. 9. 0	3.19. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	4. 2. 3	3.17. 5	4. 0. 6	4.10. 8	4. 4.10	3. 4. 2	-	2.10. 2	3. 0. 7	3. 9. 1	3.12. 6	4. 1. 5	3.17. 0
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	3.11.11	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	2.12. 3	2.12. 6	2.16.11	-	3. 6. 0	3.15. 8	3.12. 1
Ewes													
In Wool	-	-	-	3.16. 8	3.18.10	3. 4. 7	-	2. 6. 5	-	-	-	-	3. 8. 7
Shorn	2.12. 3	2.14.10	3. 4. 8	2.18.10	2.16. 2	2. 3. 4	1.18. 9	1.14. 0	1.14. 7	1.14. 2	2. 6. 0	2.12. 0	2.15. 7
Wethers													
In Wool	3.16. 5	4. 0. 5	3.15. 9	4. 6. 0	4.14. 3	3.18. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.18. 0
Shorn	3. 2. 9	2.19. 7	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 8	3.11. 8	2. 8. 0	2.10. 8	2. 6. 8	2. 7.10	2. 7. 4	2.16. 4	3. 1. 7	3. 6. 0
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	34.17. 8	34. 0. 1	34.19. 4	36. 6. 3	35.18. 9	38.14. 6	38.14. 4	37.13.10	34. 9. 4	32.19. 1	32.10. 9	31. 8. 8	31.16. 5
Heifers	36.14. 5	-	36. 6. 6	40.16. 0	43.10.11	42.14.10	40.14.11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cows	42.18.11	44. 0. 4	42. 6. 9	45.10. 5	42.10. 8	45.18. 7	43. 8. 8	40.12. 0	39.14. 0	38.18. 1	39.12. 3	38.16. 0	41. 0. 4
Steers	45.15. 4	47.11. 5	45.16. 2	54. 0.10	52. 5. 3	50. 3. 7	49.14. 7	44. 8. 0	45. 8. 9	45.12.11	44.10.10	43.17. 9	43.17. 5
Bullocks	-	-	-	63. 9. 3	56.16. 4	58.14. 7	52.12. 0	51. 2. 5	53.15. 5	53.19. 9	55. 7. 6	-	-
PIGS													
Slips	-	-	-	-	3.15. 0	4.15. 6	6. 1. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Porkers	8.10. 4	8. 4. 1	8. 3.11	8.17. 6	8.17.10	9. 9. 6	10.12. 7	10.15. 0	11. 3. 4	10.11. 0	10.15. 2	11. 4. 0	10.14. 7
Baconers	12.13. 4	12. 0. 7	11.14. 1	12.18. 6	13.16. 2	14. 8.11	14.16.11	15.11. 4	16. 2. 7	15. 5. 8	15. 9. 2	15.13. 0	15.16. 2

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVE WEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	-	3. 5	3. 2	3. 3	3. 4	3. 4	3. 3	2.10	2.10	3. 1	-	-	2. 9
" Cocks	3. 4	3. 4	3. 1	3. 3	3. 3	3. 3	3. 2	3. 1	3. 0	3. 0	-	-	2. 3
Ducks	2. 1	1.10	1.10	1.11	2. 2	2. 3	2. 6	2. 8	2.11	3. 5	2. 4	2. 3	2. 3
Drakes	2. 1	1.11	1.10	2. 0	2. 1	2. 3	2. 6	2. 9	3. 1	3. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3
Geese	-	-	2. 0	1.10	-	1. 8	-	1. 7	-	2. 0	-	-	-
Cockerels	2.10	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 8	2. 6	2. 5	2. 7	2. 5	2. 1	2. 1	2. 6
Capons	3. 0	3. 1	3. 0	3. 0	2.11	2.10	2. 8	2. 6	2. 7	2. 6	2. 3	2. 2	2. 8
Hens	2. 0	2. 2	1.11	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0	1.11	2. 0	1.11	1.11	1.11

INSTALMENT CREDIT OPERATIONS OF RETAIL BUSINESSES AND NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES

(£'000)

Period	Amount Financed during period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance)				Balances Outstanding at end of period (including Hiring Charges, etc.)
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods (a)	Total (All Goods)	
HIRE PURCHASE					
1960-61	14,568	2,021	7,789	24,378	38,050
1961-62	15,175	2,634	6,503	24,312	38,052
Quarters -					
1961 - September	3,151	380	1,666	5,197	37,467
December	3,520	1,041	1,979	6,540	38,613
1962 - March	3,815	595	1,421	5,831	36,917
June	4,689	618	1,437	6,744	38,052
September	4,829	431	1,566	6,826	39,583
ALL OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT (b)					
1960-61	1,155	43	6,492	7,690	5,982
1961-62	1,194	49	6,244	7,487	8,193
Quarters -					
1961 - September	223	14	1,506	1,743	6,358
December	240	11	1,614	1,865	7,006
1962 - March	352	11	1,445	1,808	7,435
June	379	13	1,679	2,071	8,193
September	435	1	1,491	1,927	8,582
TOTAL INSTALMENT CREDIT					
1960-61	15,723	2,064	14,281	32,068	44,032
1961-62	16,369	2,683	12,747	31,799	46,245
Quarters -					
1961 - September	3,374	394	3,172	6,940	43,825
December	3,760	1,052	3,593	8,405	45,619
1962 - March	4,167	606	2,866	7,639	44,352
June	5,068	631	3,116	8,815	46,245
September	5,264	432	3,057	8,753	48,165

(a) See footnote (a) below. (b) Includes Time Payment, Budget Account, Personal Loan Schemes, etc.

INSTALMENT CREDIT OPERATIONS OF NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES

(£'000)

Period	Amount Financed during period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance)				Collections during period (including Hiring Charges etc.)	Balances Outstanding at end of period (incl. Hiring Charges etc.)	
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.		Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods (a)			Total (All Goods)
	New	Used					
1960-61	13,491		1,565	2,431	17,487	25,511	
1961-62	14,290		2,298	2,299	18,887	26,969	
1962 - February	576	545	150	169	1,440	25,012	
March	710	602	255	152	1,719	25,230	
April	669	636	197	145	1,647	25,753	
May	995	713	211	189	2,108	26,503	
June	757	743	125	177	1,802	26,969	
July	755	832	104	143	1,834	27,604	
August	636	858	115	188	1,797	28,096	
September	785	810	147	199	1,941	28,698	
October	}	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	30,000(c)	
November						31,300(c)	
December						31,900(c)	
1963 - January						32,100(c)	
February						31,300(c)	

(a) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (b) Not yet available. (c) Preliminary estimates, subject to revision.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS*

(& million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing Drapery Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (a)	Electrical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture Floor Coverings Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (b)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (c)
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(d)	(d)	4.2	8.2	6.5	(e)	(e)	23.2(e)	149.0	51.8
1958-59	27.8	11.3	19.4	18.1	24.8	4.3	4.3	8.6	6.3	5.8	4.7	13.3	148.7	50.7
1959-60	29.6	11.9	21.6	18.9	27.1	4.7	4.7	13.4	7.3	6.3	4.7	14.6	164.8	59.5
1960-61	30.9	12.9	22.6	20.3	27.4	4.9	4.8	14.8	7.5	7.0	4.7	15.4	173.2	61.2
1961-62	32.6	13.5	23.8	20.7	28.7	5.1	5.0	14.0	8.0	7.8	5.0	16.2	180.4	67.1
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(d)	(d)	1.1	1.9	1.6	(e)	(e)	5.7(e)	35.4	12.7
1958	6.8	2.9	4.5	4.0	5.9	1.0	1.0	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	3.2	35.2	12.1
1959	7.2	3.0	4.9	4.1	6.3	1.1	1.1	2.4	1.6	1.5	1.1	3.3	37.6	13.4
1960	7.3	3.1	5.2	4.3	6.7	1.2	1.2	3.7	2.0	1.6	1.1	3.6	41.0	16.5
1961	8.1	3.4	5.6	4.4	7.1	1.2	1.2	3.5	1.9	1.9	1.1	3.8	43.2	15.2
1962	8.1	3.5	5.9	4.7	7.2	1.3	1.3	3.4	2.1	2.1	1.2	4.0	44.8	19.0
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(d)	(d)	1.2	2.6	1.8	(e)	(e)	6.7(e)	41.3	13.5
1958	7.4	2.8	5.0	5.1	7.1	1.2	1.2	2.9	1.7	1.6	1.3	4.0	41.3	13.2
1959	7.7	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.7	1.3	1.3	3.5	2.0	1.7	1.3	4.3	44.5	15.5
1960	8.2	3.2	5.9	5.7	7.9	1.4	1.4	4.0	2.2	1.9	1.3	4.6	47.7	16.7
1961	8.8	3.4	6.1	5.8	8.0	1.4	1.4	4.0	2.2	2.1	1.4	4.7	49.3	16.8
1962	8.8	3.7	6.5	6.0	8.5	1.5	1.5	3.8	2.3	2.4	1.5	5.0	51.5	20.5
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(d)	(d)	0.9	2.0	1.5	(e)	(e)	5.6(e)	36.0	12.6
1959	6.7	2.7	5.2	4.9	5.1	0.9	1.0	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.2	3.0	35.5	12.6
1960	7.2	2.9	5.8	5.1	5.9	1.0	1.1	3.5	1.8	1.5	1.2	3.4	40.4	14.9
1961	7.6	3.2	6.1	5.8	5.6	1.0	1.1	3.4	1.6	1.7	1.2	3.5	41.8	13.8
1962	7.7	3.3	6.3	5.8	6.1	1.1	1.2	3.4	1.9	1.9	1.3	3.8	43.8	16.7
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(d)	(d)	1.0	1.7	1.6	(e)	(e)	5.2(e)	36.3	13.0
1959	6.9	2.9	4.7	4.1	6.7	1.2	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.1	3.1	36.7	12.8
1960	7.5	3.1	5.3	4.5	7.2	1.3	1.2	4.0	1.9	1.6	1.1	3.6	42.3	15.7
1961	7.8	3.4	5.4	4.5	7.2	1.3	1.1	3.7	1.7	1.8	1.1	3.7	42.7	14.2
1962	8.0	3.4	5.8	4.7	7.5	1.4	1.2	3.1	2.0	1.9	1.2	3.9	44.1	18.4

(a) Excludes basic building materials, Builders' Hardware and Supplies, e.g. Tools of Trade, Paint, etc. (b) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Jewellery, Sporting Goods, etc. but excludes Grain and Produce and Business Machines. (c) Excludes Tractors, Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (d) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (e) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. *Figures revised on a basis comparable with the 1961/62 Retail Census.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1963	1962	1963	1962
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	414	301	3,496	3,097
Bricks - Standard all types	'000	10,758	10,004	84,448	75,109
Fibrous Plaster - Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	134	130	1,022	886
" " - Acoustic Tiles	sq. yds.	1,909	1,832	13,131	16,468
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,300	2,278	20,120	17,693
Plaster of Paris	"	1,682	1,720	13,752	11,467
Ready-Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	38,364	33,632	296,396	256,672
Timber, Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 super.ft.	15,608	16,149	126,148	130,528
<u>Clothing</u>					
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,038	724	6,605	5,289
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	3,891	4,738	37,554	35,829
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	758	987	7,348	10,759
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	9,219	9,242	76,430	66,508
- Work	"	10,862	11,057	70,399	87,382
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	39,474	42,199	497,854	438,974
Slippers	"	8,456	10,187	82,994	73,601
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	614	729	4,273	4,329
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	26,543	48,859	218,638	247,476
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	629	525	6,164	5,085
Butter	"	380	342	12,938	14,262
Cheese	"	116	47	2,834	2,600
Flour (excl. Self-raising Flour)	ton (2,000 lb.)	13,221	13,283	90,123	104,306
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Sulphuric	ton	28,435	26,121	174,248	142,656
Coal	"	81,153	77,252	614,659	615,323
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	96,291	90,887	801,723	735,568
Gas (Town) Produced	million cub. ft.	93	92	930	936
Mattresses - Soft Filled (b)	number	2,283	2,993	25,911	19,901
Pig Iron	ton	3,660	3,851	29,994	34,052
Superphosphate	"	80,300	72,051	494,243	390,337
Wool-Scoured	'000 lb.	2,290	2,548	20,618	21,597

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super. feet.

(b) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge, but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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